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TAGS: OVIP (SAMUELS, MICHAEL A.)

SUBJECT:AMBASSADOR-DESIGNATE COURTESY CALL ON AMB. PALMER

AMBASSADOR-DESIGNATE SAMUELS VERY WARMLY RECEIVED ON
JAN. 2 BY AMBASSADOR PALMER, WHO DELIGHTED THAT
THEY SHARE COMMON BOND; BOTH BEING FORMER TEACHERS.
DURING VISIT WHICH LASTED APPROXIMATELY 30 MINUTES,
AMBASSADOR PALMER MADE FOLLOWING NOTEWORTHY COMMENTS:

--US/GOSL RELATIONS: AMBASSADOR PALMER STATED THAT CURRENT
RELATIONS ALTHOUGH GOOD, CAN AND SHOULD BE IMPROVED, BUT
OFFERED NO COMMENTS AS TO HOW THIS MIGHT BE ACCOMPLISHED.

--REASONS FOR RECENT STUDENT UNREST: AMBASSADOR PALMER
ATTRIBUTES 1974 DEMONSTRATIONS BY SIERRA LEONEAN STUDENTS,
AS WELL AS RECENT KIDNAP THREATS, TO STUDENT UNREST,
WHICH MOTIVATED BY WHAT STUDENTS CONSIDER GOSL APATHY
TOWARDS THOSE SIERRA LEONEANS WHO PREFER TO STUDY ABROAD.
AMBASSADOR PALMER DISCOUNTS NOTION THESE ACTS MOTIVATED
BY RECENT POLITICAL ACTIVITIES IN SIERRA LEONE.

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--PEACE CORPS: AMBASSADOR PALMER GENERALLY PLEASED WITH

PEACE CORPS EFFORTS, AND EXPRESSED DESIRE TO HAVE PEACE
CORPS REMAIN SO LONG AS IT ABLE TO PROVIDE SERVICE TO

PEOPLE.

AMBASSADOR PALMER APOLOGIZED FOR HAVING TO CUT MEETING
SHORT, BUT INDICATED HE MUST ACCOMPANY WIFE TO NEW
YORK. MRS. PALMER DEPARTING FOR FREETOWN TO ATTEND
FUNERAL HER RECENTLY DECEASED GRANDMOTHER. KISSINGER

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